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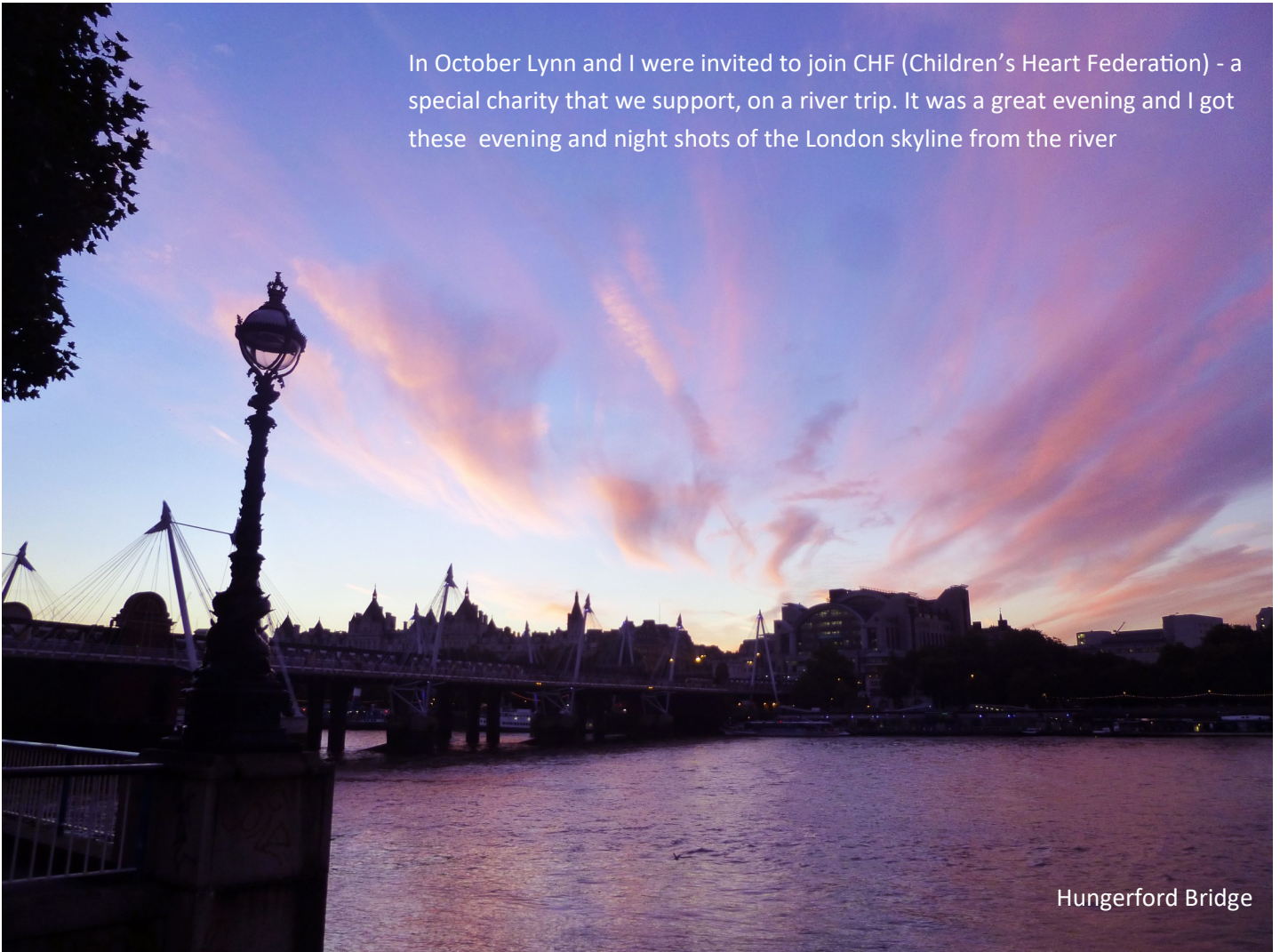
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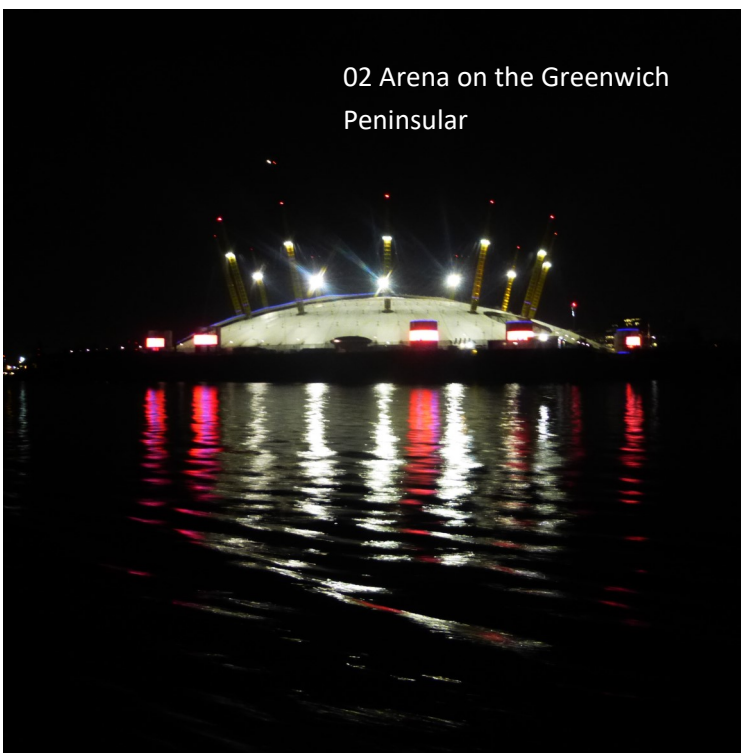


In October Lynn and I were invited to join CHF (Children's Heart Federation) - a special charity that we support, on a river trip. It was a great evening and I got these evening and night shots of the London skyline from the river



Hungerford Bridge

O2 Arena on the Greenwich
Peninsular

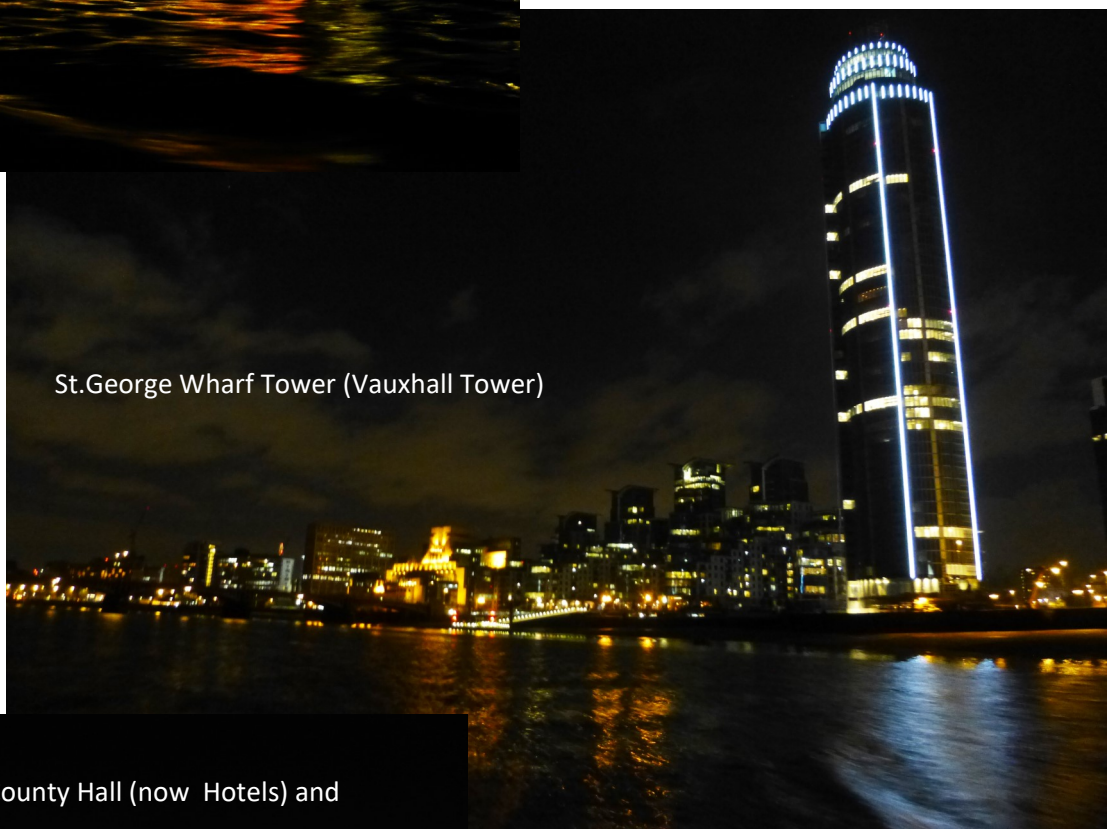
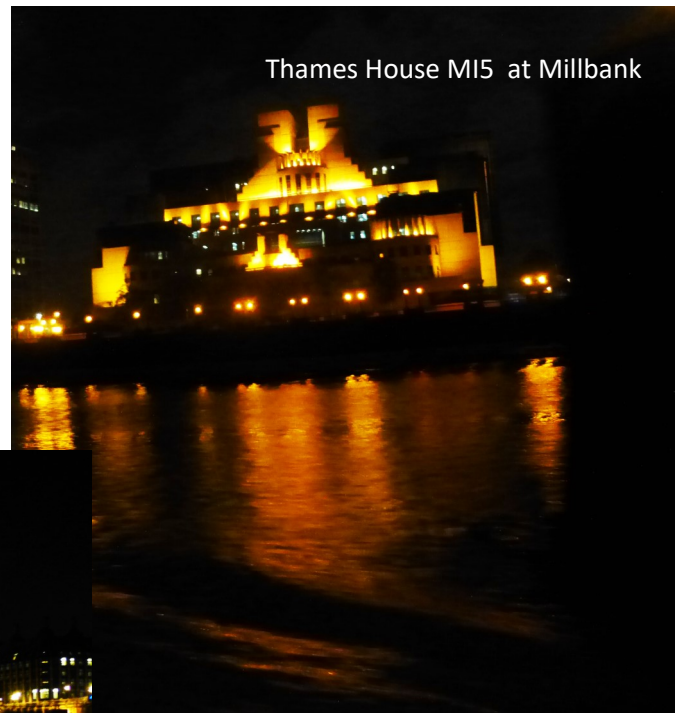
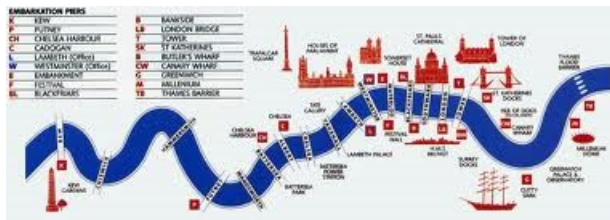


Tower Bridge





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Ed and Lynn



The beautiful old dairy frontage





**Wonderful reflection of a Regent Canal villa on
a sunny Sunday walk from Camden Market**



Feral parakeets in Springhill Park Stamford Hill enjoying the seeds in a tree



**This shape in the path reminded us
of a Scottie dog..."get a life do I
hear you shout!!!" We don't get
out much**





Eros in its Xmas protective dome



Rainy Regent Street with the Christmas lights





A more progressive subject for the South Bank sand artist



Heavy pruning
on that great
tree outside
our house...is
it on a death
threat??



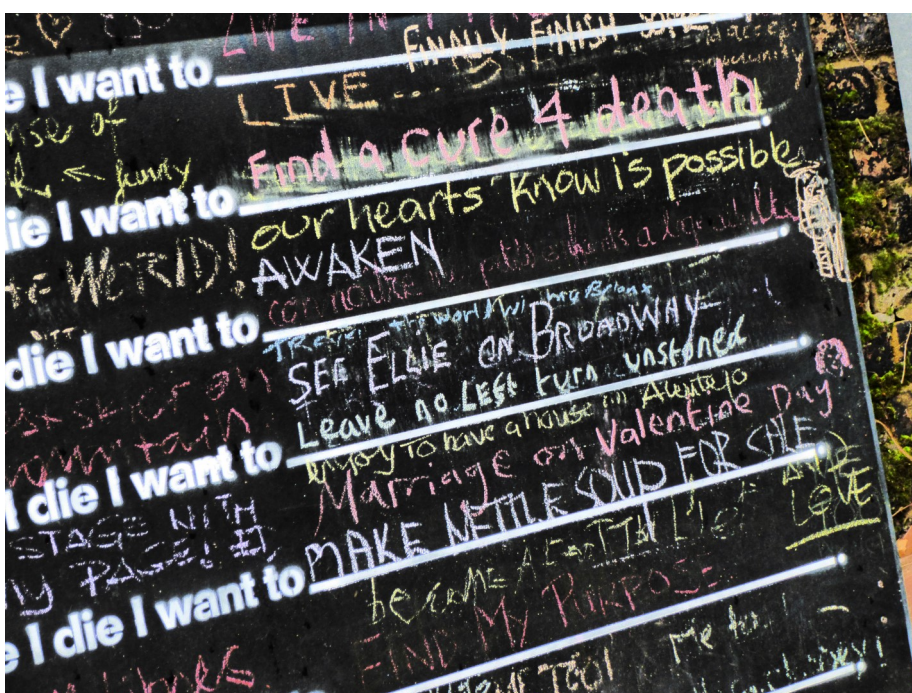


Just before Larnie and Lynn went to see a Mathew Bourne production of Swan Lake





“Three things I want to do before I die”...Canalside thoughts....



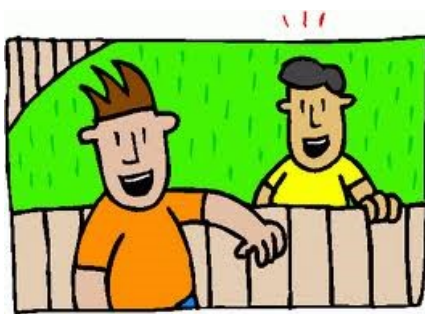
My favourites

Find a cure 4 death

Leave no left turn
unstoned



Christmas drinks with our neighbours—December 2013



As the years pass we seem to wave to cars emerging from drives on both sides but the folk driving are strangers. Life's too short not to find time to get to know people better without being intrusive. We met some great folk and hope that this can be an annual event



Milan & Seema

(no 38)



Richard & Carmen No 46



Ray & Joan at 42

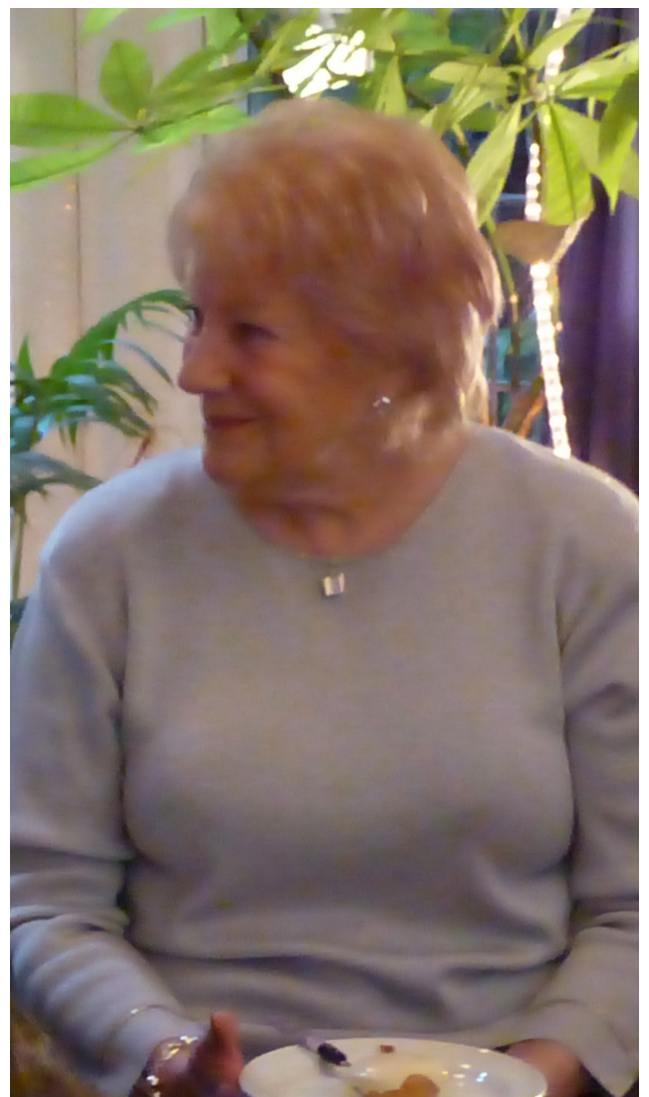




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Jan & Mike - No 44



Lisa & Jason—no 36



Postscript.....Well the end of 2013...

It has been an eventful year.

The launch of SASS which is hopefully the start of a great new idea...

Mum fell last week. She was here with us for a meal and as we were taking her back to her flat she fell as she got out of the car. It happened so quickly and it transpired she had broken her hip...which at 93 is no light matter. We took her to Barnet General initially and she was well looked after. She had surgery to mend her hip the following day and was then transferred to Chase Farm for rehab after a few days recovery. I guess things will be different with her from now on...time will tell

I have had a pretty busy pre-Xmas catering period and today (22nd December) I have just finished the last party. It is a great feeling to plan well and end up with every party arriving on time to great feedback (no pun intended) Our kitchen is now totally cleared of food which is a great reflection on our tried and tested ordering system. Jo is a fantastic right hand and so reliable. I think that 2014 may see me selling or edging out of the catering side. SASS seems to require a lot of time and I am split two ways and it is pretty exhausting at times now..

Ed is proving really great at thinking outside the box and making useful SASS contacts. We have a New Year meeting scheduled with Geoff to run through loads of new ideas. It is fantastic to have some good brains on board so I do not have to do all the developments alone.

Family update...not many changes really. Ben is now firmly ensconced in Credit Agricol...a French bank and he seems to be working very hard still but is well respected and apparently well reimbursed. Tammy seems very happy and they are often away together and seem to really enjoy their life. They both deserve it. Larnie is showing a good brain confirmed by her excellent school results. When we discuss any topic with her she shows a good debating side to her make up with well thought-out logical reasoned responses.. Jack is debating whether to use his mechanic skill in Israel or remain here and John has recently changed employment and is enjoying the environment of a bigger IT organisation. They have busy lives and we do not see too much of them.

DP has rented his boat to a teacher for the winter and managed to get an area in an Eco house in Bristol close to where we stayed for a night when we picked up the kids from school. It seems the perfect spot for him and as always he fits right in with people with the added attraction of being close to the kids. He is also much more at ease with Angela now and they seem to have sorted out their new lives to ensure the kids have a well balanced family around them. Billie is not too well mainly due to family problems...an aunt dying with family stresses coming into play. This was compounded by her fall on some cream on a supermarket floor causing a broken wrist and lots of bruising. She is at a pretty low ebb so hopefully this Christmas will cheer her up when she gets here with 'Bas (her son Sebastian.)

Lynn, my great missus, is such a pleasure to have around and despite our constant griping we have 'loadsa larfs..' When I get home sometimes and see her through the window, busy in the kitchen or deep in her world, it is so great. She seems happy and we have plans for trips and breaks next year...we are now acutely aware that life is short and we should do what we can as soon as possible before age-related problems may prevent us doing these things. She is often in her studio but jealously hides her 'art work' saying.." no it is rubbish...don't look at it...I'm hopeless". This is so not true judging by the few I am allowed to see.

The chancellor of the exchequer announced on the radio a few days ago that once again the pension age is being extended This means that people now in their 40's will now not get their pension until they are 68.....at the same time it was announced on the news that the number of people suffering with dementia will increase to over 1 million by 2021.

The irony of this is that you won't get your pension but you also won't know you have not got it!!!!

Politics are now so skewed Lynn and I shout at the radio on a regular basis. It is so obvious that as a country we are not well off but continue to send vast sums of foreign aid even to countries with space programmes and a significantly better GDP than ours and allow free access to this country to all and sundry and compound the misery at home by giving people who have never contributed , generous benefits. If you voice these opinions you are racist...but I can not see any mention of race here...just common sense...which seems to be the missing factor in politics. Carry on with unelected MP's turning up, claiming a daily £300.00 expenses and going home after 40 minutes...oh...don't start him off again.... December 2013